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Principal's Corner

Dear Endeavour Families,

Sunshine and the colors of autumn provided the perfect backdrop for a spectacular event this October – Walk-A-Thon! I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and extend my sincere thanks!

Thank you to the PTSA and Walk-A-Thon committee for the countless hours it took to make this event fun and memorable for all "Endeavour Jaguars."

Thank you to the parents for your generous donations that help us meet our goals and support our teachers and programs at Endeavour.

Thank you to our students for your eagerness and participation in spirit week, the Walk-A-Thon and BBQ.

Thank you to our staff for your enthusiasm and efforts in supporting this valuable experience for our school community. A fabulous time was had by one and all!

Conferences will be here before we know it! During the month of November, our teachers have scheduled conferences for each and every student. Conferences are a designated time to sit one-on-one with your student's teacher to discuss student progress, strengths and challenges. Although students do not come to school on these days, conferences are a critical part of their education. They are an opportunity for parents to partner with the teacher and shape a successful school year for your child. Conferences are so important to children's achievement that the state Basic Education Act counts them as student class time. Should you decide to go out of town during the conference dates, your classroom teacher will most likely NOT be able to schedule a make-up, face-to-face conference with you on another day. **This year conferences have been scheduled on November 3rd and November 4th. There is NO SCHOOL for students on these days.**

SKATE NIGHT: Mark your calendars for the ever-popular SKATE KING NIGHT! This fall's skating event is right around the corner on Wednesday, October 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The rink is reserved for Endeavour only skating. Skating is a perfect way to work off some extra energy! Come roll around at Bellevue Skate King, 2301 140th Ave NE, 425-641-2046 with all your friends!

This month Endeavour began the WASTE-WATCHER Program! Students and parents from E-Kids are kicking off the recycling event in the lunchroom. Ask your student what they are learning to do!

Warmly,
 Kathy Connally



Calendar of Events

- Oct. 26 Reflections Deadline
- Oct. 26 Coat and Blanket Drive Starts
- Oct. 28 Skate King
- Nov. 3-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL!
- Nov. 9 Reflections Reception
- Nov. 10 Veterans' Day Assembly

Endeavour's Skate Night — Wednesday, October 28th

Endeavour's Skate Night is **Wednesday, October 28th 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Skate King** in Bellevue. **The whole school is invited!** Bring the entire family, bring your friends and enjoy an evening skating with teachers, families and friends. The cost is \$6.00 per person, which includes quad skate rentals. Inline skates \$4.00 additional. We look forward to seeing you there!



2009 Holiday Program to Help Families In Need

There will not be a separate District Holiday Program this year. If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, necessities, please contact Endeavour's school nurse, Mary Sue Payne at 425-837-7371. **The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact Mary Sue before the end of October** to obtain information on the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program.

President's Letter

Dear Endeavour Families,

The start of this school year has been very busy and so much fun. **We had a wonderful beginning to the year with our Back to School BBQ and Walkathon fundraiser.** We listened to you, our community, with feedback asking us to move the Walkathon back to the Fall. The feedback we are getting has all been positive and everyone seemed to love this event at this time of the year. My personal thanks go out to the Walkathon committee and their leader, Julie Spieker. Much thought, care and concern was put into the planning and implementation of the Walkathon and we all appreciate the time and effort put into it.

As we move further into Fall we look forward to seeing all the Reflections Art Projects that will soon adorn our halls and the fun we will have at Skate King. We are entering the season of giving so please look for information to come home regarding our Coat and Blanket drive and our Caring through Sharing drive. For you Book Fair fans please mark your calendars for the 2009 Book Fair sale to be held December 2nd and 3rd.

Looking forward to the Spring, please mark your calendars for the Levy vote that will take place February 9th, 2010. Please go to <http://www.visvote.org> for more information and please remember to register to vote and to mail your ballot.

Thank you to all our many Chairpersons and volunteers that have helped with all the Fall events that have taken place. I have personally met so many new families this year and that is a good thing. We are blessed to be a part of such a giving community.

We are Soaring to New Heights Together

Sincerely,

Becky Lawrence, PTSA President



NEWS from the PTSA

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Honoring our Veterans

Are you or is someone in your family a Veteran? **We would like to recognize our Endeavour Family Veterans at our Veterans' Day Assembly on November 10th.**

For a formal invitation, contact Diane Monguazy at diane.monguazy@comcast.net. Please include the Veteran's name, address, and relationship to Endeavour children. If you have any pictures of the Vet, please email copies to Diane as well!

Support ISF

Here is a great way to help the Issaquah Schools Foundation while you're doing some shopping! When shopping at Amazon.com, start by going to the ISF website at www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org (maybe you can even bookmark that right now!) Click on the link to Amazon. By taking that one small action, Amazon will pay ISF up to 8% of every purchase that you make! Isn't that easy?? Thank you for your support of ISF!

Sally Foster Sale Underway

Endeavour's Sally Foster Gift Wrap sale is going on now! Since the Walk-a-thon was the primary fundraiser for this school year, Gift Wrap will be an **Internet-Only Sale** instead of the Catalog Sale we've done in the past. So those of you that love Sally Foster products can still purchase the great gift wraps and gifts that Sally Foster offers online while supporting Endeavour! And your friends and family can too!

Here's how it works: Go to the Seller's section at www.SallyFoster.com to sign up for the email program.

You'll need Endeavour's account number **(933146)** and the email addresses of everyone you'd like to ask to help. When family and friends receive the email and click on the link to the Sally Foster online store, Endeavour earns 50% of their purchase.

Please contact Theresa Larsen, theresalarsen@yahoo.com or Miranda Cantine, cantine5@yahoo.com with any questions.

Waste-Watchers

The Waste-Watchers program is up and running! **Thanks to all Endeavour staff, students, caretakers and the lunchroom employees** for their support of our food waste recycling program.

We would like to invite all interested students to join Waste-Watchers. This involves a bi-weekly commitment to quickly eat their lunch, put on their orange Waste-Watchers vest, stand by the bins and remind their fellow students to put their lunch items into the proper containers. Training will be provided.

Encourage your children to join Waste-Watchers and help make Endeavour a greener school! If your child would like to join Waste-Watchers, please send an email giving your permission, your child's name, grade and teacher to kathygoleafs@comcast.net. We are also looking for a few good men and women to assist the Waste-Watchers. If you would be interested in helping out during one or more lunch sessions, drop us a line. Together we can make a difference!

Coat and Blanket Drive – Keep Families Warm This Winter!!

Help E-Kids to extend Endeavour's warmth to our community! **This year's Coat and Blanket Drive will run from Monday, October 26th through Friday, November 6th.** We would encourage you to go through your closets and donate any coats or blankets, new or in good condition, to help keep needy families warm this winter. We welcome coats of all sizes! Please leave your donations in the marked boxes throughout the school and they will be given to the Issaquah Food Bank. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact kathygoleafs@comcast.net. **Together we can make a difference!**

Picture Day Thanks!

I would like to thank all of my Picture Day volunteers: *Tina Fotovat, Ginny Gray, Sharon Hastings, Amrutha Kanumuri, Kavitha Kumar, Lisa Lo, Lori Matthews, Nicole Sanders, Beth Shomaker and Diane Steinman.* Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to help out. You all made Picture Day a great success!
— *Picture Day Chair, Lori Kargl*

Matching Donations

There is still time to match your Walk-a-Thon donation! Please contact your HR department for your employer's matching procedure and forms. Thank you to all the Endeavour families who have already matched their donations made to PTSA at Taking Care Of Business and the Walk-a-Thon. **Your willingness to participate in the Matching Funds Program is greatly appreciated!** Questions? Contact endeavourmatchingfunds@hotmail.com

Thank You – Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to Julie Spieker for chairing Endeavour's first ever Fall Back to School BBQ and Walkathon. Her hard work, unwavering dedication, strong leadership and fantastic creativity not only led our community to Aim High for Endeavour and exceed the PTSA's fundraising goal, but also brought our school together for what proved to be a fun and exciting event! **Thank you Julie!** - *Miranda Cantine & Theresa Larsen, VP's, Ways & Means*

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Will Arrive Just In Time For The Holidays!

Hurry....Monday, October 26th is the last day to order cookie dough! Help support Endeavour's 5th grade students who are selling cookie dough to raise money for 5th grade camp. Cookie dough is pre-portioned, ready to put on to the baking sheet — bake for 12 minutes and voila, cookies are ready! Perfect for holiday baking. So many choices to choose from including; Strawberry Shortcake, Triple Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate Chunk, Chocolate Chip, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, Carnival Candy, Butter Sugar (perfect for cookie cut-outs) and much much more. Check out the cookie display at school and put your order in at the office.



5th Grade Families – Please Remember!

- The deadline to turn in the cookie dough orders is Monday, October 26th. Please make sure to return all orders to the teacher by the end of the day.

Endeavour PTSA Reflections Program is Ending – Get Those Entries In!

The deadline to turn in entries for Reflections is this Monday, October 26th. All 12 finalists will receive a trophy. All participants will receive a certificate and ribbon. There will be a special ceremony to honor all participants on November 9th. We will have a Popsicle celebration during lunch sometime the week of November 9th!

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the display work next week, as well as volunteers to help with the reception on November 9th. Please let us know if you are available to help out! Contact Chris Leznek (cleznek@hotmail.com or 425.392.4533) or Heather Stambaugh (heatherstambaugh@msn.com or 425.837.3777).